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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. Prices were unchanged in New York. Trade sentiment was steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets continued light to good. Supplies were adequate to tight for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the moderate to very good demand. Spent hen offerings were more than adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Loose egg sales were light to about moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were adequate to tight for the good to very good demand. Most breakers needs were still being met by regular commitments and existing inventories. An occasional buyer in need of extra product still paying premiums. Floor stocks were adequate to close. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80-89	83-86
LARGE	79-87	80-85
MEDIUM	61-69	64-66

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	51-54
SMALL	25-29

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices were trending higher into next week. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the good demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-99	87-90
LARGE	81-96	86-90
MEDIUM	60-75	65-68

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to instances good. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for all sizes.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	91-94
LARGE	85.5-93	90-92
MEDIUM	65.5-72	70-72

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the good demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-91	85-88
LARGE	81.5-89	83-86
MEDIUM	58.5-70	63-67

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to close for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-99
MEDIUM	79-83

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large advanced 1 cent, mediums increased 3 cents. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	88-94
LARGE	87-92
MEDIUM	74-81

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 2-3 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3-4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 199, large 18 pack 2 for \$3.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	133
EXTRA LARGE	131
LARGE	119
MEDIUM	97

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110-123
EXTRA LARGE	108-121
LARGE	106-109
MEDIUM	84-87

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329
LARGE	229-239
MEDIUM	199-219

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Offerings were adequate to tight for the good to very good demand. Most breakers needs were still being met by regular commitments and existing inventories. An occasional breaker in need of extra product still paying premiums. Floor stocks adequate to close. Trade sentiment firm. PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	75-77	-
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	62-66	-
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher when compared to early week's trading. The undertone was firm with traders closely watching further market developments. Offerings were short to about adequate for usually normal schedules. Demand was good. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20-Sep-03 decreased 9 percent when compared to the previous week and was 1 percent less than the same week a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	70-75	73-74
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	57-66	58-62
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 20-Sep-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,256,835	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
PW	1,299,926	30,260	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,507
LY	1,250,922	28,580	12,158	6,458	3,094	4,304
%CHG PW	-3	3	-9	-8	1	-2
%CHG LY	0	9	-7	-10	-18	2
2003	44,075,416	1,071,566	403,350	219,780	90,211	159,018
2002	45,743,140	1,063,009	441,823	237,444	109,250	162,648
%CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2
	CURRENT		PREVIOUS		LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK		WEEK		YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.94		41.20		41.17	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.44		37.74		37.73	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 87 to 90 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported from 58 to 59 cents fob. Trade sentiment remained firm for whole egg and whites and mostly steady for yolk. Demand for whole egg was good with white demand very good. Yolk demand was moderate to fairly good at times. Offerings were adequate to close for whole egg and whites and adequate for yolk. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			CHANGE FROM	
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	64-67	65.50	2.77
WHITES	20	50-57	51.85	2.28
YOLKS	8	86.5-88	86.94	.22

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were higher on all frozen products when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate. Offerings were about adequate to available. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20 September 2003 were 5% less than the previous week, and 4% higher than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		LTL TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	71-79	75-77	83-87
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		93-105
WHITES	58-65	62-64	67-74
SUGAR YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-105	102-105	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-101	98-100	102-108

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites were higher with sugar and salted yolk mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for salted and sugared yolk and fully steady to firm for whole egg and whites. Demand was moderate to good for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for salted and sugared yolk. Offerings remained adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	76-78	77	
WHITES	61-68	65	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-105	102	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-100	99-100	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, 5 cents higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/20 was 12% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks light.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	81-84
WHITES	67-70
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	106-109
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-106

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged on blends, but higher on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was firm on albumen and whole, and improved on yolks. Demand was fair to good. Offerings of albumen and whole were limited and generally adequate on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 20 September 2003 were 1% higher than the previous week, and 18% less than the same week a year ago. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% less than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	2.74-3.15	MOSTLY 2.95-3.00
YOLKS	2.20-2.65	MOSTLY 2.25-2.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.58-5.00	MOSTLY 4.70-4.87
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.15	MOSTLY 2.00-2.05

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 19, 2003-SEPT 25, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 68.00								FUTURE LOADS 69.25								TOTAL LOADS 137.25							
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW													
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	71.00	—	70.25	71.71	71.00	73.50	9.00	GNR BR 1	76.00	78.00	—	—	—	—	.75	GL W J	84.67	—	—	—	—	93.61	3.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	67.00	64.00	66.25	2.00	GL W XL	83.05	85.50	—	—	—	90.15	20.00	GL W LG	80.00	80.00	84.00	—	—	86.70	24.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	55.00	59.50	2.00	GL W MD	60.00	64.00	60.00	—	61.00	69.37	11.25								
GNR BR 3	—	—	42.00	—	—	47.00	1.00																
GL W J	—	—	87.00	89.00	—	—	3.00																
GL W XL	—	79.89	79.00	80.17	80.77	—	48.25																
GL W LG	—	78.85	76.50	80.40	78.90	77.00	33.25																
GL W MD	—	63.00	60.80	62.70	63.60	65.50	19.25																
GL W SM	37.25	39.25	41.50	43.10	46.00	48.00	3.25																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	90.00	97.50	.50																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	76.00	78.00	3.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	72.00	—	74.70	47.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	58.00	57.50	—	59.90	6.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-12 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Offerings of light fowl available for salvage were fully adequate. Interest for those supplies were scheduled on a measured basis, easily covering a fair call for dressed product. Opinions of disposal costs were generally steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values in a full range and unchanged from last week. Offerings were about adequate as slaughter facilities worked full schedules. Demand was moderate to mostly fairly good. Opinions of value were generally steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-10.00 5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	88.50	88.00	66.50
SOUTHEAST	86.50	84.50	65.00
MIDWEST	84.50	82.50	65.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	92.50	91.00	71.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.25	86.74	67.11

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair. Trading was light. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-25 MAJORITY 23-24

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

31.5-38 MAJORITY 35-37

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Sep-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,153	1,418	2,571
LAST WEEK	1,121	1,597	2,718
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,851	1,672	3,523
TO-DATE/2003	56,427	53,047	109,474
TO-DATE/2002	66,519	52,906	119,425

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	288	8	296
LAST WEEK	61	7	68
SAME WEEK YR AGO	267	0	267
TO-DATE/2003	8,919	137	9,056
TO-DATE/2002	11,820	250	12,070

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,441	1,426	2,867
LAST WEEK	1,182	1,604	2,786
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,118	1,672	3,790
TO-DATE/2003	65,346	53,184	118,530
TO-DATE/2002	78,339	53,156	131,495

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
Washington, DC

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 13, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003
Liquid	460	456	11,895
Frozen	0	0	96
Dried	3	91	396
Total	463	547	12,387

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending September 13, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003
Liquid	251	125	4,375
Frozen	223	8	2,466
Dried	0	160	944
Total	474	293	7,785

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 13, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003
Jumbo	0	33	290
Extra Large	1,080	1,380	20,217
Large	1,640	3,425	77,215
Medium	2,430	1,230	46,643
Ungraded	7,204	19,230	99,720
Misc	0	0	13,062
Total	12,354	25,298	257,147

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 09/22/03	4,035	212,212	48,379
AM 09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
CHG	237	-9146	-10091
PCT CHG	6%	-4%	-17%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-Jul	31-Jul	31-Aug	31-Aug
FROZEN EGGS:	2002	2003	2002	2003
Whites	1,863	2,684	2,192	2,680
Yolks	1,015	1,155	923	1,006
Whole & Mixed	6,414	11,104	6,528	11,137
Unclassified	3,651	3,627	3,535	3,168
Total Frozen Eggs	12,943	18,570	13,178	17,991

CHICKENS AND EGGS August Egg Production Down One Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.31 billion during August 2003, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,201 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2002.

August 2003 contained 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to August 2002, with 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2003, totaled 332 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 275 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.49 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2003, averaged 70.6 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.82 billion eggs during August 2003, down one percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during August, at 310 million, was down 2 percent from a year ago.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 20-Sep-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.8	25.3	-10
BOSTON	3.5	3.8	-8
CHICAGO	57.0	61.9	-8
DETROIT	33.0	27.9	18
KANSAS CITY	3.5	5.6	-38
LOS ANGELES	85.9	96.8	-11
NEW ORLEANS	8.1	7.3	11
NEW YORK	29.5	29.9	-1
ST. LOUIS	17.5	16.7	5
SAN FRANCISCO	21.7	22.2	-2
TOTAL	282.5	297.4	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	290.9		10

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 20-Sep-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.0	-2	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	546.9	0	-6
W.N. CENTRAL	279.6	-5	-4
S. ATLANTIC	179.7	0	6
S. CENTRAL	105.7	0	25
WEST	181.8	-1	-3
TOTAL	1513.7	-1	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

23-Sep-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	139	135	90	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	132-136	128-132	83-87	49-53
MOSTLY	134-135	130-131	85-86	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	138-142	134-138	89-93	55-59
MOSTLY	138	134	89	55
VERMONT	140-142	135-138	90-93	-
MOSTLY	142	138	93	-

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